

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The above-identified patent application has been amended and reconsideration and re-examination are hereby requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to point out that each one of the columns terminates in a distal end having a surface substantially flat and substantially parallel to the surface of the first substrate (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that the prior art does not have columns terminating in a distal end having a surface parallel to the surface of the first substrate.

Claim 2 has been amended to point out that, each one of the columns terminates in a distal end having a surface substantially flat and substantially parallel to the surface of the substrate. It is respectfully submitted that the prior art does not have columns terminating in a distal end having a surface parallel to the surface of the substrate.

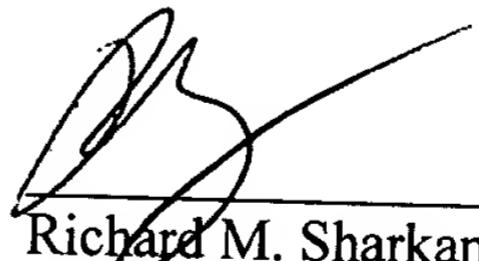
Reconsideration of Applicants' traversal is requested in view of the amendment of claims 1 and 2. That is, the process of Fig. 2 represents the prior art by which the invention, as set forth in the presently amended claims 1 and 2 cannot be made.

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Respectfully submitted,

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